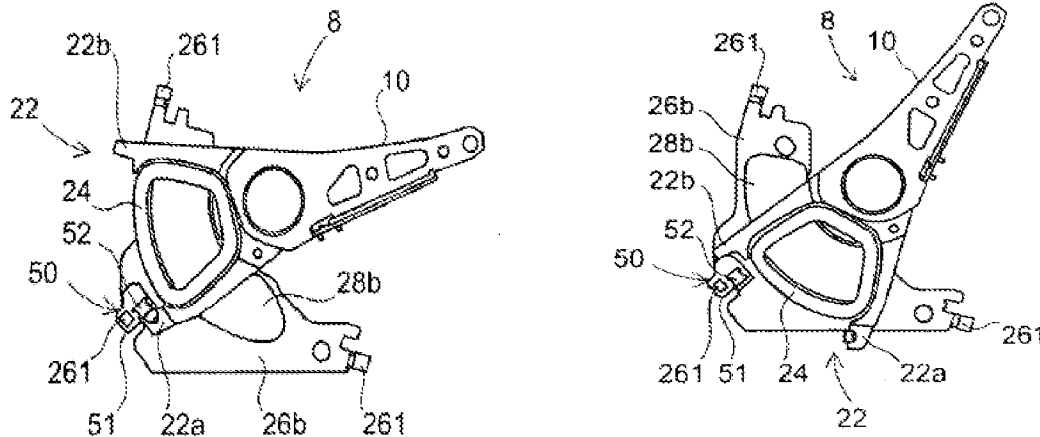


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are amended by this response. No claims are canceled or added.

Accordingly, following entry of these amendments and remarks, claims 1, 3-5, 10-12, 14, 16-18, 23-25, and 27 will remain pending for examination.

Embodiments of the present invention help to restrict an excessive movement of an actuator assembly to an inner or outer side. As shown and described in connection with Figures 1(a) and 1(b) (reproduced respectively below), certain embodiments disclose an elastic stopper member (51) configured to engage both a first arm (22a) and a second arm (22b) of an actuator assembly (8):



[p]ermanent magnet 52 attracts the first and second arms 22a, 22b of the coil support 22. By embedding the permanent magnet 52 in the rubber 51, the first and second arms 22a, 22b of the coil support 22 can be kept fixed upon unloading with the power turned on. (Emphasis added; ¶[0056])

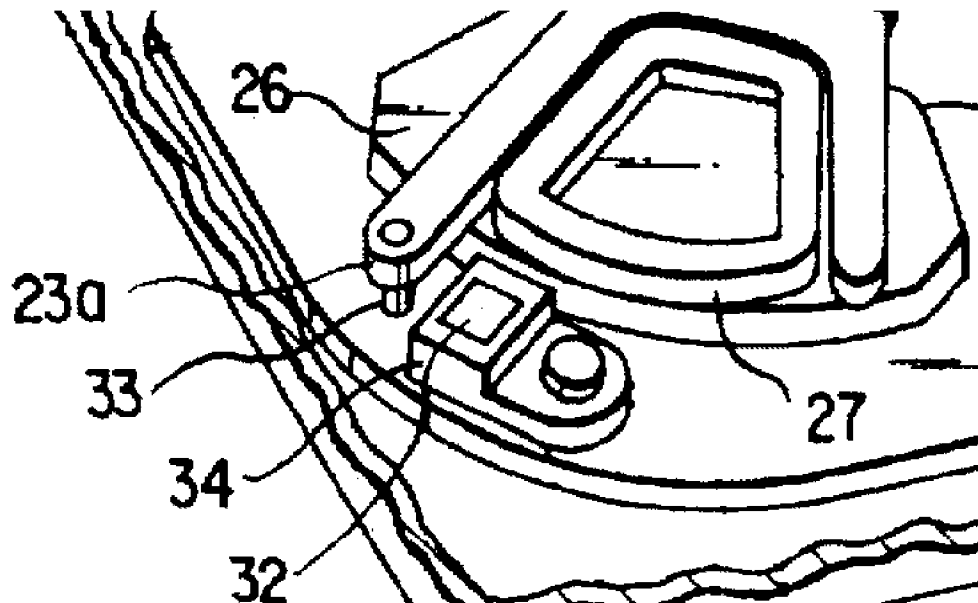
Independent claim 1 has now been amended accordingly to clarify this feature:

1. A rotary disk storage device comprising...  
a stopper including an elastic member, said elastic member being cantilevered by a support rod and with a magnetic material embedded therein for attracting said actuator assembly, the elastic member configured to engage said first arm and said second arm... (Emphasis added)

Independent claims 14 and 27 have also been amended to recite this feature.

In the latest Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of the claims as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,729, 405 to Isomura et al. ("the Isomura Patent"). These claim rejections are traversed as follows.

As shown and described in connection with Figure 1 (reproduced in part below) of the Isomura Patent, an elastic member (34) utilizes a chip magnet (32) to abut an attraction pin (33) located on only one arm (23a) of an actuator assembly (See Col. 5, lines 50-55):



In the latest office action, the Examiner interprets the claim term "either", as disclosing that the elastic member of the claimed embodiments can engage one arm or the other arm, and that the Isomura Patent reads on this language. Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to recite "the elastic member is configured to engage the first arm and the second arm".

Referring back to Figure 1 above, since the second arm (unlabeled opposite 23a) of the Isomura Patent does not have any sort of attraction pin or mechanism to engage with chip magnet (32) of elastic member (34), the Isomura Patent fails to disclose an elastic member configured to engage with both a first arm and a second arm. As such, the Isomura Patent fails to teach all the elements of the amended claims.

Based upon the failure of the Isomura Patent to teach each and every element of the independent claims explicitly or even impliedly, it is respectfully asserted that these claims cannot be considered anticipated by the art relied upon by the Examiner. Continued maintenance of the anticipation claim rejection is improper, and these claim rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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